

Appl. No. 10/710,111
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-9, 12-16, 18-24, 39 and 41-46 were allowed with claims 26-30 being deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 10, 11, 17, 32 and 40 have been cancelled.

Response to §102(b) rejections

Applicant respectfully submits that the anticipation rejection of claim 25 under U.S. Patent 2,799,347 ("Wilcox") should be withdrawn, as Wilcox fails to disclose each and every element of the claim and, therefore, fails to anticipate the claims.

In particular, claim 25 as amended recites a "inserting a shaft into a perforation in a sidewall of a wellbore, the shaft having a plurality of flowlines wherein a first of the flowlines includes a first inlet opening to the perforation for flowing fluid from the perforation into a tool and the second of the flowlines includes a second inlet opening to the perforation for flowing fluid from the perforation into the tool." Thus, even though Wilcox discloses a duct 26 and an unnumbered duct, Wilcox fails to disclose two flowlines having separate inlets that open to the perforation. More specifically, the duct 26 has an opening (near valve stem 23 as seen in Fig. 3) to a cavity defined by a sleeve 19, as does the unnumbered duct. Therefore, the duct 26 and the unnumbered duct have inlets to the cavity which necessarily contains the same fluid, as only inlet 24 opens to the perforation. In contrast, the claims at issue include separate inlets opening to the perforation.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the anticipation rejection of independent claim 25 and its respective dependent claims.

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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 20.2828).

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